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SUBSTRATE RESULTING THEREFROM**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231**REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

The Office Action dated October 21, 2002 from Examiner Jennifer Kolb Michener of Art Unit 1762 has been received and reviewed. On April 10, 2003, a response to this Office Action was filed. However, a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 22, 2003 informed that the amendment filed on April 10, 2003 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. The following is in response thereto.

**SUBSTITUTED AMENDMENT B****In the Specification:**

A). Please twice amend the paragraph beginning at page 30, line 4 and ending at page 31, line 13 as follows: